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SUBJECT: TFHO1: HONDURAS COUP SITREP #47 08/20/2009 AS OF
12:00 LOCAL (14:00 EDT)

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 783 AND OTHERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITY

¶1. (SBU) On August 20, as of 12:00 local (14:00 EDT), a small group of less than 1,000 pro-Zelaya supporters marched on Colonia el San Jose del Pedegal in the vicinity of Toncontín International Airport.

¶2. (SBU) On August 19, at 15:15, a pro-Zelaya vehicular procession of over 100 cars and motorcycles rode through Tegucigalpa. The vehicles gathered at the Planet Zipango building in the El Trapiche neighborhood.

¶3. (SBU) On August 19, at 07:20, in the City of Progreso, four armed men, including two that had escaped from prison, were killed in clashes with the police. There does not appear to be a direct connection to the current political situation.

¶4. (SBU) At present, there are no curfews in place in the country. The Embassy Warden Message urges AmCits to consult television and radio announcements each night in case a curfew is again imposed.

Infrastructure and Communications

¶5. (SBU) Toncontín International Airport in Tegucigalpa (TGU) and San Pedro Sula airport remain open.

¶6. (U) Most of Honduras' land borders with Guatemala and El Salvador are currently open to commercial and private vehicles. The borders between Honduras and Nicaragua have been closed intermittently since Friday, July 24.

¶7. (U) There are no reports of abnormal public utility outages in the country.

Consular and Embassy Operations

¶8. (U) The Embassy is open for normal business on Thursday, August 20. Barring any changes in the security situation, the Consular Section will remain open for regular consular services until further notice.

¶9. (U) The Consular Section continues to receive sporadic inquiries from AmCits regarding the political situation. Post circulated a Warden Message Monday, August 10. The Consular Section continues to regularly update ACS information on the Embassy website.

¶10. (SBU) The next EAC meeting will be held as needed.
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